

## KITCHENER ARMY 100 PER CENT EFFICIENT

Not Only Brilliant Parts of War in Which Remarkable Results Are Attained.

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE BRITISH ARMY, Northern France, April 20, (by mail to New York).—A week with the British army is divided into two parts. You spend the first part, if you're an American, learning that quietness and an absence of fuss doesn't mean inefficiency; you spend the second half in observing demonstrations of 100 per cent efficiency.

It is not only in the brilliant parts of war, like flying and fighting, that you see remarkable results attained. In the common, everyday affairs of maintaining the army and keeping it happy.

I can show you a young British officer who probably wears a monocle, whose stride is Piccadilly, and who never loses his well-bred expression of being bored even while he's showing you over the great bath-house and laundry which he started some months ago.

Three Months Without Bath. "Well, here's the bag of tricks," he says, as he waves his riding stick across the entrance of the red brick building in a certain town. "You see there were a awful lot of our men who got no chance to bathe during the early part of the war. Some of them went three months without bathing. I've got two of their shirts nailed up in picture frames which ought to be presented to the British museum. It isn't the dirt so much as the little animals, what? Well, we took this jolly old place and turned it into a cleaning house for the soldiers. Incidentally 'we' is really this London chap.

"Had to work with what we could find here," he explains. "We're bathing a thousand soldiers here every day. I take a soldier an hour to go through the mill, and he comes out with his uniform sterilized and with his socks, shirt and underwear all clean and fresh and dandified."

"How do you get his clothes washed and dried so soon?" "Oh, you see, he doesn't get his own underwear and shirt and socks back. He gets a lay-out that was left by some soldier yesterday; he leaves his lay-out here and some soldier that comes tomorrow will get that."

The British army efficiency extends to psychology. The town not far from the distance from the bathhouse is "the Polles." It's a theater.

Makes Him Forget. The object is to make the soldier behind the trench line forget all about the war. It has exactly the same object as the remarkable new convalescent hospitals in the war zone, which are nothing more nor less than "rest cures" for tired or nervous men and not hospitals for wounded or sick men.

The Polles is a real theater, in a fair sized town. It's a soldiers' show. The six men who make up the troupe were soldiers, excused from shooting and fighting just because they could sing and dance and make other soldiers forget themselves.

The night I saw "The Polles" there were London officers around me who enjoyed the show as heartily, apparently, as if it had been given in a music hall in London. The song hit of the night was this:

"Hear the military bands a-playing, Rule Britannia and God save the King. But for the fellows in the trenches, Thinking of their wenches, There's one song only. When they're sad and lonely And that little Johnny Morgan, On his old mouth organ, Playing 'Home, Sweet Home.'"

Wife Says Husband Tried to Hang Her

NEWARK, May 7.—Accused of attempting to hang his wife to a bedpost, Peter Krajcik was held in \$3,000 bail for the grand jury in the Third Precinct police court. According to the woman, her husband became enraged when she pleaded with him to get a job. Mrs. Krajcik takes in washing to support her family of six children.

Opera Composer's Wife Names Trentini in Suit

NEW YORK, May 7.—Emily Trentini, known on Broadway as the "little devil of light opera," named as co-respondent in Mrs. Rudolph Trentini's suit for absolute divorce from her husband the light opera composer, which was filed here today.

New Skirts Boom Hosiery.

PHILADELPHIA, May 7.—New fashion demands and the fact that jobbers are buying to replace depleted stocks are the big factors just now in the Philadelphia hosiery mills. The result is that new styles are coming out half more than a few months ago. The short skirt made necessary a different kind of stocking, because it shows more.

## Food Not Much Higher In Germany Than Here

Cost More Than Before War, But Few Prices Are Excessive in Any Way.

### BREAD AND COFFEE STEEP

All Flour Now Made From Potatoes and Wheat—Dairy Products Are Cheap.

BERLIN, April 18 (by mail to New York).—Food in Germany, while higher than it was prior to the war, still is not excessive when compared with the figures in the United States.

Bread and coffee are the most expensive, although the prices of tea and meats are slowly crawling up. The prices quoted in the accompanying box were given today at one of the large Berlin stores.

It is, of course, bread that is noticeably scarce. The "white bread," sold by the bakeries now is made of wheat and potato flour. It is impossible to purchase pure white wheat flour, though a mixture of wheat and potato flour is for sale in quarter pound lots in the various stores.

Milk, sugar and butter, eggs, and oranges are cheap. The large number of small dairies throughout Germany are maintaining a uniform price. Oranges come in from Italy and dates from Greece. All stores seem to have an abundance of foodstuffs for sale.

POSTOFFICE BUILDS LARGE GARAGE HERE

Prepares to House All Machine Used for Mail by City Office.

A postoffice garage to house all of the machines of the postal service in Washington is being built by the City Postoffice, on the half square of ground in the rear of the new building adjoining Union Station.

The Government garage will have a fully equipped machine shop and repair pits, and will house all of the machines conveniently to the office. The new building is rapidly nearing completion, and will be placed in commission before the end of the month.

Three additional automobile trucks will be put into operation by the City Postoffice in June, making a total of five. These additional machines will supplement four horses, each, and will complete the motorizing of the postal service here. It is figured that each one will save \$60 a year over the cost of the horse-drawn vehicles it will replace. Motor vehicles have proven efficient in the Washington service.

Will Name R. R. Station After Robert Y. Hayne

SPARTANBURG, S. C., May 7.—To provide a memorial to Robert Y. Hayne, of South Carolina, in honor of his railroad services, President Fairfax Harrison, of Southern Railway Company, has given instructions that the name of the new station at the terminal where the line from Asheville intersects the Washington-Atlanta line be changed from "Spartanburg Junction" to "Hayne."

Mr. Hayne was considered one of the most effective promoters of the construction of a railroad across the mountains from South Carolina to the middle West.

Cumberland Man Held As Bogus Agent of U. S.

WILMINGTON, May 7.—Albert Miller, of Cumberland, is under arrest here on a charge of impersonating a Secret Service agent, preferred by Matthew Griffin, chief of the Secret Service division in Philadelphia.

Miller collected money from a local business man, who had a complaint to lodge with the Government about his mail being opened.

"TIZ" FOR ACHING, SORE, TIRED FEET

"TIZ" for tender, puffed-up, sweaty, calloused feet and corns.

### What Is Costs to Eat In Germany Nowadays

Eggs, best quality, per dozen ..... 38c  
Butter, best, per pound ..... 40c  
Bread, 4 buns (400 grams) ..... 9c  
Sugar, per pound ..... 51/2c  
Milk, half liter ..... 3c  
Coffee, per pound ..... 50c  
Oranges, per dozen ..... 45c  
Apples (cooking), each ..... 2c  
Apples (eating), each ..... 5c  
Lettuce, two heads ..... 11c  
Prunes, per pound ..... 22c  
Cream cheese, small box ..... 6c  
Dates, best quality, per pound ..... 36c

### BLINDED BY ACID, SHE ACCUSES HUSBAND

Police Say Druggist Was Once Arrested For Threatening To Disfigure His Wife.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Jacob Kroll, twenty-seven years old, a druggist, was arrested charged with having thrown carbolic acid into the eyes of his wife, Mrs. Cecelia Kroll, twenty-one years old, who lives with her mother, Mrs. Bessie Levine, Long Island City.

Mrs. Kroll is in St. John's Hospital, Long Island City. Kroll is locked up in the Queens county jail in default of \$1,000 bail.

According to the police, the Krolls have been living apart. While the husband gave his address as Long Island City, it is said that he is employed in Hoboken. He visited his wife at the home of her mother yesterday and there was a quarrel. Then Mrs. Kroll ran into the street from the house, crying that she was blind. Mrs. Kroll said that while she was talking with her husband, he suddenly drew a bottle from his pocket and threw the contents into her face.

Kroll said he was struggling with his wife for possession of the bottle when the contents spilled in Mrs. Kroll's face. The police say they received word from Hoboken that Kroll was once arrested there on the charge of threatening to disfigure his wife with carbolic acid.

Charles McGhann Heads Junior Roosevelt Club

Charles McGhann was elected president of the Junior Roosevelt Club at the meeting held last night at 642 Sixth street northeast. Austin Lake was elected vice president and Francis Hilliard, secretary.

A resolution endorsing Colonel Roosevelt for the Presidency in 1916 was adopted.

### FIREBUG WOULD DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

No Statute In New York To Cover Case of Man Who Longs for Execution.

NEW YORK, May 7.—While frequent complaint is made that the New York Legislature enacts numerous useless laws it developed before Judge Nott in general sessions that it had failed to provide a statute dealing with a man who says he will commit murder so that he may be sent to the electric chair.

When the case of Anthony Plump was called by the court, said that although Plump had been discharged as cured from the Matteawan Asylum for the Criminal Insane, he was still insane, that he had a mania to kill and that it was dangerous for him to be at liberty.

"It is such a cunning maniac as this client of mine who has committed these horrible murders on children lately," Mr. Levy said. "This man informs me that he is going to commit a murder so he may be sent to the electric chair, and I believe he will if he is liberated."

Plump was released from Matteawan six months ago and since then he has been a terror to his wife and children, according to Mr. Levy's statement. He was arrested recently after setting fire to a hayloft. He told the police he had started the fire so he could be burned alive.

Judge Nott decided there was no law covering Plump's case, and after a conference with attorneys he postponed action until Tuesday to determine what may be done. The charge may be changed to insanity.

AS HENRY HALTED, SCANDAL STARTED

Spectacular Election Bet Provided Fewer Clothes After Each Stop In Loser's Journey.

BALTIMORE, May 7.—An election bet that resulted in humiliation for the loser and much fun for hundreds of spectators was paid at noon today when Samuel Oler, an employee of the Mt. Vernon shops pushed Francis Humphries, a fellow employee in a wheelbarrow from the shops up the long hill to the lake in Druid Hill Park.

One of the provisions of the wager was to the effect that every time the loser stopped to rest five inches were to be cut off both of his trouser legs. Oler stopped four times in the journey, and a pair of scissors was brought into play each time. By the time Oler had about carried out the provisions of his bet he was traveling principally in a union suit.

### Many Women Attend New Jersey Convention

ATLANTIC CITY, May 7.—With delegates in attendance from many sections of New Jersey, the twenty-first annual meeting of the State Federation of Women's Clubs began here this afternoon and will continue until Saturday.

Mrs. H. W. Hemphill, of this city, a well-known clubwoman, welcomed the delegates, and the responses were made by Mrs. William T. Ropes, of Montclair, president of the New Jersey federation.

### Opposes Extension of Traction Line in 17th St.

Protest against the proposed extension of the lines of the Capital Traction Company in Seventeenth street northwest from U to I street was received by the Public Utilities Commission today from E. Tuckerman, 1301 Seventeenth street northwest.

The commission has received a number of such protests, consideration of which, will be given at a public hearing in the board room of the District Building on May 26, at 10 a. m.

## "Where Your Dollars Count Most" BEHREND'S 720-722-724 Seventh St. N. W.

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Tomorrow—\$5.98 New Spring Silk DRESSES

Made of beautiful flowered silk in rich shades of white, black, navy and Copenhagen blue, gray, wistaria, and sand. Newest high belted effects, with shirred effects and wide circular flared skirts.

Extra Special \$3.50 Boys' Cloth Suit and Extra Pair of Pants All for \$1.87

Newest Bulgarian style. Cloth Suits for Boys 6 to 16 years in pretty Blue, Brown, or Gray, fancy mixture stripes. With each suit sold Saturday will be given a separate pair of Khaki or Cloth Pants.

600 Pairs Women's 50c Silk Gloves 50 doz. women's very best quality pure thread silk gloves in black or white. Extra close woven heavy lustrous quality with silk stitched backs. Perfect fitting 2 clasp styles. Saturday special..... 34c

\$2.00 Girls' All-Over Embroidery White Dresses 4 to 14 Years With the May processions coming along this opportunity to buy \$2.00 dresses at less than half is most opportune. Handsomely modeled of splendid quality white swiss with entire bodice and double ruffled skirt of wide all over embroidery, in pretty eyelet patterns for girls 4 to 14 years Saturday only..... 94c

25c and 39c Women's Sample Silk and Lisle Hose Hundreds of pairs of finest wearing pure thread silk and fine gauge lisle stockings, in white, black and colors. Made with double toes, high spliced heels and garter tops. A great Saturday buy..... 14c

\$3.50 Infants' and Children's Coats \$1.89 All-wool cream serge coats, in long or short lengths. Handsomely silk embroidered and large pearl button trimmed.

\$1.00 Voile Waists 49c Small lot of light blue, flesh and white, fine crisp voile waists, daintily silk embroidered and lace trimmed.

10c Women's Ribb Vests 5c Good quality bleached ribbed, perfect fitting vests, with taped necks and armholes.

A GREAT SATURDAY BUY \$1.00 Women's White Linene Dress Skirts Entirely new summer model Skirts of splendid quality washing union linen, wide circular cut style, with wide pleated center seam and hip pocket effects. All lengths. Saturday only..... 44c

Any \$20 Cloth Coat Suit In the House—Saturday Magnificently tailored Suits of every thread wool serge in popular shades of sand, putty, blue, black, etc. Newest fancy novelty styles or splendid strictly tailor-made models, finest of silk linings, perfect fitting and finely tailored. Misses' and women's sizes.

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FOR SALE My National Cash Register 3 separate drawers. Perfect condition. Cost \$400.00; will sell for \$200.00

STORE FOR RENT FIXTURES FOR SALE 25c Brighton Garters... 15c

THE FAMOUS "TROWER SEAT" UNION SUITS \$1.00 Grade Now— 79c \$2.00 Grade Now— \$1.35 \$2.50 Grade Now— \$1.65

50c Colonial Pure Silk Hose, all colors... 39c 25c Colonial Lisle Hose, triple heel and toe; all colors, pair... 19c

GOLF CAPS Were \$2.00, now... \$1.35 Were \$1.50, now... \$1.10 Were \$1.00, now... 75c Were 50c, now... 25c

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